

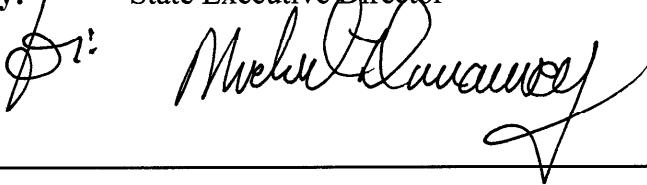
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Farm Service Agency
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ARKANSAS NOTICE FLP-92

For: County Offices

Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1744

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to advise those counties where Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Loan Assistance (EM) is available to eligible family farmers and ranchers.

B Contact

If there are questions regarding this notice:

County Offices shall contact Tom Howard, Farm Loan Programs Specialist, at 501-301-3035 or Email: tom.howard@ar.usda.gov

2 Action

A Disaster Area

Effective February 7, 2003, Tennessee Counties were designated as a natural disaster area due to damages and losses caused by Armyworms, excessive rain, moisture, and flooding beginning August 1, 2002, and continuing.

Disposal

April 1, 2004

Distribution

All County Offices

03/11/2003

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2 Action (Continued)

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following counties in Arkansas are named as contiguous disaster counties:

Crittenden

Mississippi

B Application Processing

Emergency loan applications will be received through October 7, 2003, and applications pending on that date may be processed and completed. EM loans will be made under 3-FLP Direct Loan Making.

This notification is coded S1744.

Also, for the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in 3-FLP, paragraph 171 when determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is August 1, 2002.

Farm Loan Managers will ensure that the notification and coordination actions are taken. Designated counties and adjoining counties will send a copy of the attached news release to all media in the county. (See attached Exhibit 1)

C Filing Instructions

In offices with FmHA procedure, file this notice preceding 1945-D. Otherwise, file chronological order with FLP series notices.

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Contact:

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Arkansas Counties Eligible For USDA Emergency Farm Loans

Washington, D. C., February 7, 2003 -- Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman approved counties in Tennessee to be eligible for Farm Service Agency emergency farm loans due to losses caused by Armyworms, excessive rain, moisture, and flooding beginning August 1, 2002 and continuing.

In addition to the Tennessee counties named as primary disaster areas, the following Arkansas counties is also eligible being contiguous:

Crittenden

Mississippi

Farmers in the disaster area's have until October 7, 2003, to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. To be eligible, producers must have suffered at least a 30-percent loss of normal production in a single enterprise, be able to repay the loan and any other loans, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, and have adequate security.

Additional information regarding eligibility and other loan requirements may be obtained by contacting your local FSA county office. The Farm Service Agency is an Equal Opportunity Lender.